

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ida Marie Harrison was born on May 30, 1917, to Walter and Cornelia (Fenninga) Harrison near Tabor, South Dakota, on the family farm; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Ida married Pete Novotny on November 28, 1940, at the Catholic Church Rectory in Lake Andes, South Dakota, and to this 67-year union three children were born: Jerry, Roger and Gene, who in turn blessed them with three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Ida and Pete lived in California during the war, working in the shipyards and later returned to Lake Andes to operate Pete's Café and service station; and,

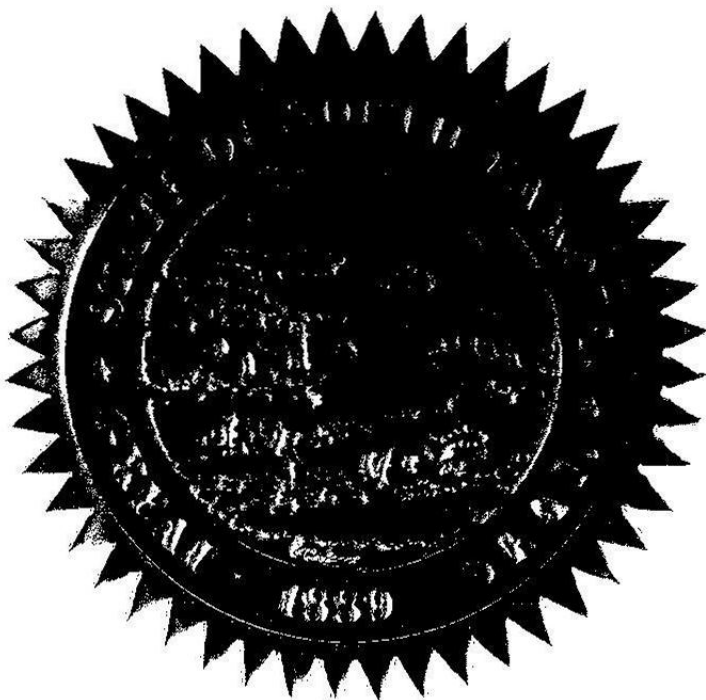
Whereas, Ida was known for her coffee, pies and hamburgers at the café; but she also helped shape the future of many children as an elementary school teacher in Lake Andes and Armour, graduating with a 4-year degree from Southern State College in 1971, on the same day her son, Roger, graduated from Northern State College; and,

Whereas, Ida will celebrate her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 30, 2007, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and her relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State